

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An automotive weatherseal, comprising:
 - (a) a resilient polymeric body;
 - (b) a metal reinforcing member connected to the body; and
 - (c) a heat fusible powder coating directly on a portion of the metal reinforcing member and directly on a portion of the resilient polymeric body, the heat fusible powder coating selected to fuse as a contiguous surface film on the portion of the metal reinforcing member and the portion of the resilient polymeric body.
2. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the resilient polymeric body includes a trim portion and a sealing portion.
3. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 1, further comprising a quantity of powder coating to form a surface film of fused powder coating having a thickness less than 0.2 mm.
4. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 1, wherein the metal reinforcing member is partially covered by the polymeric body.
5. (Currently amended) An automotive weatherseal, comprising:
 - (a) a substrate having a first portion formed of a first polymeric material and a second portion formed of a different second polymeric material; and
 - (b) a colliquefiable powder coating directly adjacent the first portion and directly adjacent the second portion, the colliquefiable powder coating selected to colliquefy into a continuous coating on the first portion and the second portion.
6. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 5, wherein the first polymeric material is a thermoset material and the second polymeric material is a thermoplastic material.
7. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 5, further comprising a metallic reinforcing member connected to one of the first portion or the second portion.
8. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 5, wherein a colliquefaction of the powder coating has a thickness between 0.05 mm and 0.2 mm.

9. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 5, wherein the powder coating is a thermoset material and the second polymeric material is a thermoplastic material.

10. (Currently Amended) A weatherseal comprising:

(a) a weatherseal body having a first portion formed of a first material and a second portion formed of a different second material; and

(b) a colliquefiable powder coating immediately adjacent the first portion and immediately adjacent the second portion of the weatherseal body, the colliquefiable powder coating selected to colliquefy as a contiguous surface on the first portion and the second portion.

11. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 10, wherein the powder coating includes a thermoset and a thermoplastic material.

12. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 10, wherein the powder coating includes a thermoplastic material and the first portion is a thermoset material.

13. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 10, further comprising a metallic-reinforcing member connected to the weatherseal body.

14. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 10, wherein the first portion is a thermoset material, and the second portion is a thermoplastic material.

15. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 10, wherein the powder coating is selected to form a colliquefied layer having a thickness less the 0.2 mm.

16. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 10, further comprising a metallic-reinforcing member having a U-shaped cross sectional profile connected to the weatherseal body.

17. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 10, wherein the powder coating is selected to form a contiguous colliquefaction.

18. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 10, wherein the powder coating is located to form a sealing surface.

19. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 10, wherein the powder coating is selected to form a colliquefaction having a gloss appearance.

20. (Currently amended) A weatherseal for sealing an interface between two confronting surfaces in an automotive vehicle, the weatherseal comprising;

- (a) a polymeric base formed of a first material;
- (b) a resilient sealing portion for contacting one of the confronting surfaces, the resilient sealing portion formed of a different second material; and
- (c) a heat fusible powder coating directly on at least a portion of the base and directly on at least a portion of the resilient sealing portion, the heat fusible powder coating being sufficient to form a fused contiguous surface film on the portion of the base and the portion of the resilient sealing portion.

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 20, wherein the base includes a trim portion and the heat fusible powder coating is located on the trim portion.

24. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 20, further comprising a metallic-reinforcing member in the base.

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 20, wherein the base further comprises a trim portion formed of a different material than the sealing portion, and the heat fusible powder coating is on the trim portion.

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Cancelled).

29. (Cancelled).

30. (Cancelled).

31. (Cancelled).

32. (Cancelled).

33. (Previously presented) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 26, wherein the trim portion is a thermoplastic material.

34. (Previously presented) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 26, wherein the trim portion is a thermoset material.

35. (Currently amended) An automotive weatherseal, comprising:
(a) a substrate having a first portion formed of a first polymeric material and a second portion formed of a different second polymeric material; and
(b) a heat fusible powder coating directly on the first portion and directly on the second portion, the heat fusible powder coating selected to form a contiguous fused film on the first portion and the second portion.

36. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 35, wherein one of the first portion and the second portion forms a trim portion of the weatherseal.

37. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 35, further comprising a metal reinforcing member connected to one of first portion and the second portion.

38. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 35, wherein the substrate has a U shaped cross section.

39. (Original) The automotive weatherseal of Claim 35, wherein the substrate includes a metal reinforcing member.

40. (Currently amended) A weatherseal for an automotive vehicle, comprising:
(a) a polymeric body;
(b) a metal reinforcing member connected to the body, one of the body and the reinforcing member selected to engage the automotive vehicle; and
(c) a colliquefiable powder coating directly adjacent a portion of the reinforcing member and directly adjacent a portion of the polymeric body, the colliquefiable powder coating sufficient to form a contiguous colliquefied surface film on the reinforcing member and the portion of the polymeric body.

41. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 40, wherein the polymeric body includes a trim portion.

42. (Currently amended) A weatherseal comprising:
(a) a weatherseal body having a first portion formed of a first material and a second portion formed of a different second material; and
(b) a heat fusible powder coating directly on the first portion and directly on the second portion of the weatherseal body, the heat fusible powder coating selected to fuse as a contiguous surface film on the first portion and the second portion of the weatherseal body.

43. (Original) The weatherseal of Claim 42, wherein the weatherseal body includes a trim portion.

44. (Currently amended) A vehicle weatherseal, comprising:
(a) a thermoplastic weatherseal body having a sealing portion and a carrier portion, and
(b) a heat fusible powder coating directly on at least a portion of a surface of the sealing portion and directly on at least a portion of a surface of the carrier portion, the powder coating fusible into a contiguous layer on the surface of the sealing portion and the carrier portion.

45. (Cancelled).

46. (Previously presented) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 44, further comprising a trim portion, wherein one of the trim portion and the sealing portion has one of a foamed, cellular and sponge structure.

47. (Original) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 44, further comprising a reinforcing member in the thermoplastic weatherseal body.

48. (Original) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 47, wherein the reinforcing member is metal.

49. (Original) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 44, wherein the heat fusible powder coating includes one of a thermoplastic and thermoset material.

50. (Currently amended) A vehicle weatherseal, comprising:
(a) a thermoplastic weatherseal body having a sealing portion and a trim portion, and

(b) a colliquefiable powder coating directly adjacent at least a portion of the sealing portion and the trim portion, the colliquefiable powder coating selected to form a contiguous colliquefied layer on the portion of the sealing portion and the trim portion.

51. (Cancelled).

52. (Previously presented) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 50, wherein one of the trim portion and the sealing portion has one of a foamed, cellular and sponge structure.

53. (Original) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 50, further comprising a reinforcing member in the thermoplastic weatherseal body.

54. (Original) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 53, wherein the reinforcing member is metal.

55. (Original) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 50, wherein the powder coating includes one of a thermoplastic and thermoset material.

56. (Currently amended) A vehicular weatherseal, comprising:

(a) a thermoset weatherseal body including a sealing portion and carrier portion; and

(b) a heat fusible thermosetting powder coating directly on the sealing portion and directly on the carrier portion, the heat fusible thermosetting powder coating sufficient to form a contiguous fused layer on the sealing portion and the carrier portion.

57. (Cancelled).

58. (Previously presented) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 56, further comprising a trim portion, wherein one of the trim portion and the sealing portion has one of a foamed, cellular and sponge structure.

59. (Previously presented) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 56, further comprising a reinforcing member in the thermoset weatherseal body.

60. (Original) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 59, wherein the reinforcing member is metal.

61. (Currently amended) A vehicular weatherseal, comprising:

(a) a thermoset weatherseal body having a sealing portion and a trim portion; and

(b) a colliquefiable thermosetting powder coating directly on at least a portion of the sealing portion and the trim portion, the colliquefiable thermosetting powder coating selected to form a continuous colliquefied surface layer on the portion of the sealing portion and the trim portion.

62. (Cancelled).

63. (Previously presented) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 61, wherein one of the trim portion and the sealing portion has one of a foamed, cellular and sponge structure.

64. (Original) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 61, further comprising a reinforcing member in the thermoset weatherseal body.

65. (Original) The vehicular weatherseal of Claim 64, wherein the reinforcing member is metal.